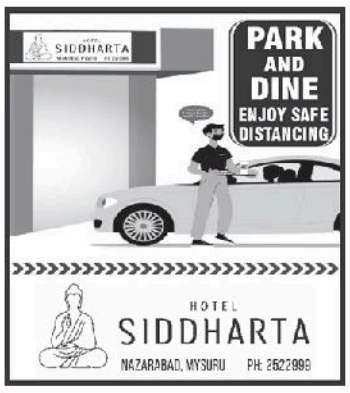

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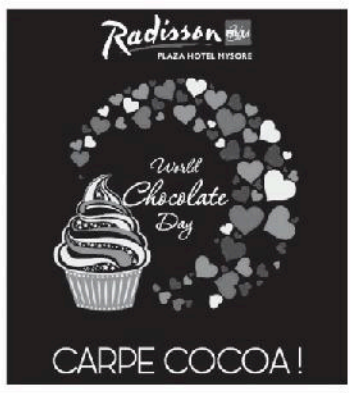


Serial thefts at APMC Yard

Wary of burglaries, traders do not keep cash at counters

Dog Squad at the crime spot. Picture right shows Police inspecting a shop at APMC Yard today.

Mysuru, July 7 (RK&BCT)- Learning from past cases, traders at APMC Yard in Bandipalya these days do not keep cash in the counters and this move saved them from huge losses when six shops were burgled last night. Thieves could manage to steal only minimum cash that amounted to over Rs. 25,000.

The nature of crime was shocking as burglars broke open heavy locks of shops and also pried off the iron shutters with heavy equipment to gain entry. The thefts came to light this morning when traders came to open their shops.

A maximum of Rs. 10,000 in Rs. 10 denomination was stolen from Srinivasa Commercial Distributors owned by P. Phaneendra. Other shops too reported cash thefts but the amount ranged from Rs. 4,000 to Rs. 6,000. They are Sri Ranganatha Distributors, Sri Krishna Distributors, Hanuman Enterprises, Balalakshmi Enterprises and one more shop that was empty.

All of them are wholesale distributors and the Police said that the burglars looked only for cash and other valuables. They, however, did not touch the goods or soft drinks in any of the shops. The traders are peeved at the alleged inaction by Police despite recurrence of such incidents in the past. It has happened many times, said a trader.

"APMC Yard has been the target of burglars and there have been many instances of traders being robbed while they return home in the night. Though there is a Police Outpost here, this has not deterred the burglars. Even the night beat is not strong here," he told *Star of Mysore*.

"At least the sound of thieves breaking the locks could have been heard by people manning the Outpost or by the night beat Cops. As there were many cases in the past, we do not keep cash anymore in the counters. We keep only minimum cash and from today we will not keep that too. In fact, this has saved us from suffering huge losses," added another trader.

Mysore South Police have registered a case and a team of Dog Squad arrived at the place where locks, iron shutters and other places were made to sniff. However, the canines went a little further catching the scent and stopped. The Police have secured the CCTV footage but the visuals are hazy as the incident occurred at night.

Markets re-open

but citizens stay away

Traders undergo RT-PCR test

Mysuru, July 7 (PM&SSV)- Not many customers walked into the three major markets which were re-opened after a gap of two months in city this morning.

A majority of shops wore a deserted look with no footfall of people to Devaraja, Mandi and Vani Vilasa Markets. The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) had sealed down all three markets on May 7 due to spike in Corona positive cases.

Admitting low turn out of people, Devaraja Market Tenants Association President S. Mahadev said it may take some more days for the Mysureans to visit the marketplace. Following the beginning of *Ashada Masa* from this week, the business will be dull for the next one month. The markets will witness the flow of customers once *Shravana Masa* begins from next month.

RT-PCR test

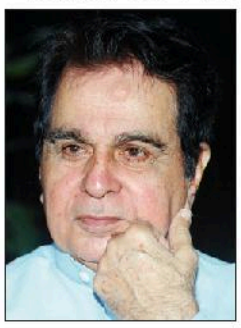
As a precautionary measure, the Health Department of MCC had organised RT-PCR test for traders of fruit, flower and vegetable sections of Devaraja Market this morning. Traders of other sections will be tested tomorrow. Even traders of Boti Bazaar were subjected for RT-PCR test. A similar testing drive was taken up in Mandi and Vani Vilasa Markets.

Dr. D.G. Nagaraj, Health Officer, MCC, told *SOM* that the purpose of conducting RT-PCR test was to detect Corona positive patients so that they could be isolated and treated in COVID Care Centres.

(See MARKET on page 7)

Dilip Kumar no more

Mumbai, July 7 (UNI)- Veteran actor Dilip Kumar passed away here today after suffering from years of age-related ailments. He was 98. The yesteryear star was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of Mumbai's Hinduja Hospital on June 30.



Dilip Kumar

On Tuesday, his wife Saira Banu had assured his fans that his condition was stable. "Dilip Kumar Sahab's health is still stable. He is still in ICU, we want to take him home but we are waiting for doctors' approval as they know his medical condition. Need prayers of his fans, he will be back soon," her last tweet read.

Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray announced that Dilip Kumar will be honoured with a State funeral today evening. ***[See also page 3]***

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Law student brings out a book on Dr. B.R. Ambedkar

A bi-lingual book capturing life of Father of Indian Constitution

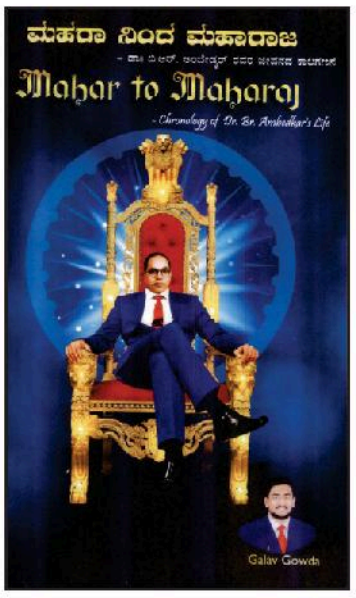
Mysuru, July 7 (SSV)- Galav Gowda, a third year law student of Mysuru, has brought out a book 'Mahar to Maharaj', a chronology of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the Father of Indian Constitution.

He has done a thorough research before coming with a bi-lingual 100-page book, capturing the life of Dr. Ambedkar starting from his birth till Mahaparinirvan Diwas (Day of Death).

The book has been divided into 32 chapters each in Kannada and English version. The book has mentioned about his birth, family, childhood, school, college, post-graduation and placements, financial help, total degrees, newspapers and periodicals, political party, Constitution, Reserve Bank of India, works and contribution, portfolios, daily routine, library, residences, professions, teachers and inspiration, books and articles, hobbies, talents, marital life, struggle, Buddhism, health and Mahaparinirvan Diwas.

The book opens with his inspirational messages, "I can only show you the right path for justice" and "They cannot make history, who forget history". The book mainly showcases Babasaheb's works and contribution to India and the countrymen.

It contains certain facts and stories of Babasaheb which are not known to people. Rare pictures of Babasaheb's parents



have been published. Besides, the picture of young Ambedkar receiving Doctorate degree from Columbia University has been used.

The book reveals about Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, the last king of Mysore Kingdom, donating five acres of land to Ambedkar during his visit to Mysore in 1954. The land is used as training centre for Buddhist missionaries. Rare pictures of the Constitution Committee meeting, taking oath as Union Law Minister and with his close friends have been reproduced. The book reveals that Dr. Ambedkar was well-versed in nine languages — Sanskrit, Hindi, Marathi, Gujarathi, English, Paali, French, German and Persian.

Galav is distributing this book free of cost to interested persons.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The national capital is abuzz. The nine-letter verb, a palpable presence in casual and formal settings, has triggered a commotion of speculation and punditry, a kind of political kerfuffle if you please. The question 'what are you hearing on the reshuffle' is aired even though those who ask know that nobody quite knows. The current architecture of the Government is a confounding coalition of conflicting layers. The Government of India directory lists 50 Ministries and 60+2 Departments — besides 27 Commissions and Committees, 289 PSUs/companies, 176 subordinate offices, 555 statutory/autonomous bodies, 613 academies/ institutions and more. Three decades after reforms, India persists with Ministries for coal, steel, aviation and textiles. The Ministries with the largest expenditure budgets are those managing issues which are essentially State subjects. To appreciate the state of chaos, view the architecture through the prism of pressing problems. Water is a silent and serious crisis across India. Its management is governed by over six Ministries and then across 30 States. This must change but India cannot wait for a consensus. The reshuffle offers an opportunity to induct innovation in governance and result orientation . — *Shankkar Aiyar in The New Indian Express*

NEWS SPARKLERS

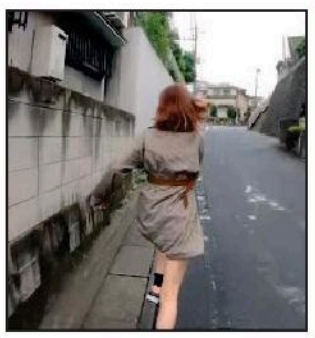
Camouflaged moth looks like a twig fragment

Tokyo: Tsumaki Shachihoko is a rare Japanese moth that features impressive natural camouflage which allows it to perfectly mimic small twigs in order to avoid predators.

Tsumaki Shachihoko, a moth found in various forested areas of Japan, where it manages to keep itself safe by mimicking a small twig fragment. Seen from afar, the moth is virtually impossible to tell apart from an actual twig, complete with imperfections such as chipped bark and brownish "broken" ends.

Tsumaki Shachihoko is a rare species of Lobster Moth that inhabits the flatlands and mountains of Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku, Kyushu, and Tsushima, up to an altitude of about 1000 meters. It measures between 20 mm to 25 mm in length, and has a life-span of two weeks to a month. Its most intriguing feature is undoubtedly its natural camouflage.

Bizarre Japanese TV show



Osaka: Being telecast for the last 15 years, TV Asahi's Zenryokuzaka is one of Japan's most longstanding television shows, which is a bit strange considering its simple premise.

Every night at 1:20 a.m., Monday to Thursday, thousands of people tune in to TV Asahi to watch the latest episode of Zenryokuzaka, a bizarre show featuring women running up steep streets.

Each episode lasts no more than six minute, including the opening and closing credits, and focuses solely on following the protagonist as she runs up the street. It's an extremely simplistic concept, even for late-night TV, but one that has somehow remained popular in Japan for the last 15 years.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Craving for sweet? Having sweet cravings is quite common, why not Dates and sesame seeds Laddu? These 2 ingredients have very good source of iron, calcium, magnesium, potassium, good fats, fiber etc making it healthy snack post covid for recovery, fatigue and maintaining your electrolyte balance. It also becomes a good option to satisfy the need to eat sweets without using refined sugars.

By Syeda Shifain Fathima - Department of Dietetics & Nutrition

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EGCG: THE MOST ABUNDANT CATECHIN in Tea

British Researchers have discovered that the compound in green tea known as Epigallocatechin Gallate (EGCG) binds to Amyloid plaque fibres in the blood and converts them to smaller, more soluble molecules that are less damaging to blood vessels. EGCG is known to reduce Amyloid damage in the brain as well.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	JULY 5	JULY 6
Day's Positive Cases	371	389
Total Positive Cases	1,68,157	1,68,546
Day's Discharges	490	388
Total Discharges	1,62,270	1,62,658
Day's Deaths	6	8
Total Deaths	2,209	2,217
Total Active Cases	3,678	3,671

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Ensure testing, tracing and vaccination of mentally ill persons: SC tells Centre

New Delhi, July 7 (UNI) - The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the Centre to ensure all people in mental health homes get vaccinated at the earliest, directing Maharashtra to stop the practice of sending mentally ill patients from medical establishments to beggar homes or old age homes.

A Bench comprising Justices D.Y. Chandrachud and M.R. Shah was hearing a plea stating that around 10,000 people — fit to be discharged — are forced to live in different mental hospitals across the country due to social stigma.

"People in mental health institutions cannot go out for vaccination. States must vaccinate them all," the Bench said, stressing testing, tracing and vaccinating those suffering from mental illness needs to be taken up on priority.

Additional Solicitor General Madhavi Divan submitted that States were in the process of addressing the discrepancies noted in data collected by the hospitals and by the Task Force. Divan also said that a virtual meeting of all States would be held on July 12. The matter will now be taken up on July 27.

REALLY...?

- *Disposable paper cups contain 5% polyurethane plastic, making composting and recycling of disposable cups extremely rare.*
- *Half a trillion disposable cups are manufactured annually around the world; that's over 70 disposable cups for every person on the planet.*
- *Most plastic used in the world today is for single-use items.*
- *4 billion trees, or 35% of the total trees chopped down, are used in paper industries.*
- *1 tonne of paper consumes 98 tonnes of resources in manufacture.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Customer: *I've been ringing 0800 2100 for two days and can't get through to enquiries, can you help?*
Operator: *Where did you get that number from, Sir?*
Customer: *It was on the door to the Travel Centre.*
Operator: *Sir, they are our opening hours!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.74
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 103.22
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.35
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.42

VOICE OF THE READER

The NCC Experience

Prompt service by District COVID War Room Helpline

Sir,

On being posted from Jabalpur to field in Eastern Command, I had decided to move family to Mysuru, for purpose of my son's studies. The prevailing second wave of COVID-19 and varying lockdown status of intervening States of Maharashtra, Telangana, Andhra and Karnataka coupled with the requirement of e-pass added to the perplexity of our move.

On getting vague inputs regarding e-pass requirements from different quarters, I finally got in touch with the Mysuru District COVID War Room Helpline. The person who attended my call was from 13 Karnataka Bn NCC at Mysuru. He promptly took my contact number and got back to me in ten minutes, saying my movement order and a certificate mentioning details of family and my vehicle registration number should suffice.

Further, a reference of tele-conversation with this Helpline should dispel any doubts as to the movement.

On enquiring as to whom I am speaking to, he replied "Sir, I am Nabeel Ahmed N, Senior Under Officer in 13 Karnataka Bn NCC. I am presently a second year Mechanical Engineering undergraduate."

Saying so, he heartily welcomed me to Mysuru and followed it up with a welcoming SMS on my mobile phone.

I have reached Mysuru with family with no hindrances enroute. I am sure all people interacting with the COVID War Room at Mysuru would have benefited from the exemplary response from 13 Karnataka Bn NCC, as I have.

I wish Nabeel Ahmed all the best in all his pursuits and thank the staff of his NCC Bn for contributing in so many intangible ways towards nation-building in this pandemic.

—Lt. Col. Vinay Rao, Engineers

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Chamarajanagar Oxygen Tragedy

Pay Rs. 5 lakh each to families of victims: HC

Bengaluru, July 7 (BCT)- A Division Bench of the Karnataka High Court comprising Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Aravind Kumar has observed that the State Government cannot discriminate between the 24 COVID patients who died due to oxygen shortage in the first week of May.

The High Court was hearing the compensation issue yesterday where Advocate General Prabhuling K. Navadagi submitted that it had been decided to pay an ex-gratia amount of Rs. 5 lakh to the families of three patients, who died between 10.30 pm on May 2 and 2.30 am on May 3.

"Ten patients who died between 2.21 am and 9 am on May 3 will be paid inclusive of Rs. 2 lakh already paid. Regarding 11 persons who died before 10.30 pm on May 2, 2021, any ex-gratia in addition to Rs. two lakh already paid will be decided after Justice B.A. Patil Commission submits the report," he told the Bench.

The Bench then directed the Government that it has to treat the families of the victims equally without making any distinction. The report of Karnataka State Legal Services Authority (KSLSA) has highlighted the shortage of oxygen.

"The finding is that there was virtually no oxygen available in the hospital till 2.20 am on May 3. Therefore, it goes without saying that even the 10 patients listed in clause number 2 of the memo were also adversely affected due to lack of oxygen as in the case of 3 patients listed in clause 1. We are therefore of the view that there cannot be a distinction made between those who died between 10.30 pm - 2.20 am and those who died between 2.21 am - 9 am on May 3," the Bench said.

The Court asked the Government to release Rs. 5 lakh each to the dependents of 14 patients and pay Rs. 2 lakh each for 11 patients and decide on the higher payments after the Commission submits its report.

Nation mourns death of thespian Dilip Kumar

TALL STARS: ***Dilip Kumar*** *(second from left)* ***seen with actors Vinod Khanna, Dr. Raj Kumar, Saira Banu, Jaya Bachchan, Amitabh Bachchan and others.***

Mumbai, July 7- 'The end of an era', 'a loss for the cultural world' and 'a true thespian' is how acting legend Dilip Kumar was remembered by President Ram Nath Kovind, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, film fraternity and prominent political leaders across party lines who condoled the actor's death today.

Legendary Bollywood actor Dilip Kumar passed away early today following age-related health issues. He was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of Mumbai's Hinduja Hospital on June 30. His wife Saira Banu had been with him throughout.

His family friend Faisal Farooqui tweeted through the actor's handle — "With a heavy heart and profound grief, I announce the passing away of our beloved Dilip Saab, few minutes ago. We are from God and to Him we return." Earlier, Dilip Kumar was hospitalised on June 6 after experiencing breathlessness. He was diagnosed with bilateral pleural effusion — a build-up of excess fluid between the layers of the pleura outside the lungs and underwent a successful pleural aspiration procedure. He was discharged after five days.

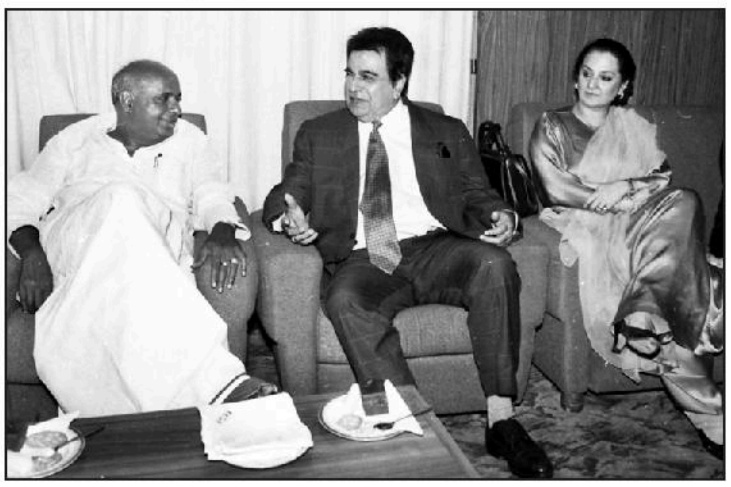
Known as the 'Tragedy King' of Bollywood, the veteran actor's career spanned over six decades. He has acted in over 65 films in his career and is known for his iconic roles in movies like 'Devdas '(1955), 'Naya Daur' (1957), 'Mughal-e-Azam' (1960), 'Ganga Jamuna' (1961), 'Kranti' (1981), and 'Karma' (1986). He was last seen in 'Qila' in 1998.

The actor's last rites will be performed in Mumbai at 5 pm. He will be cremated in Juhu. Before his funeral, Dilip Kumar's body will be taken to his home in Bandra.

PM condoles

Offering his condolences to the actor's family, Prime Minister Narendra Modi remembered the late actor as a cinematic legend.

"Dilip Kumar Ji will be remembered as a cinematic legend. He was blessed with unparalleled brilliance, due to which audiences across generations were enthralled. His passing away is a loss to our cultural world. Condolences to his family, friends and innumerable admirers. RIP," PM Modi tweeted.



Dilip Kumar and Saira Banu with JD-S supremo and former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda.

Theatre artiste Naveen Kumar ends life

Naveen Kumar

Mysuru, July 7 (MK&DM)- Theatre artiste Naveen Kumar (Naveen Netaji) allegedly ended his life by hanging self at his rented accommodation in Vijayanagar here yesterday.

Naveen Kumar (32) was working for a private firm in the city. A theatre enthusiast, he had formed his own theatre group 'Rangasmruthi' and had staged several popular plays like 'Ondu Bogase Neeru' and 'Sankranthi' at Mysuru, Bengaluru and other places.

Naveen Kumar got married three years ago and stayed in a rented house in Vijayanagar since then.

Naveen was said to be depressed after the child delivered by his wife died and also due to financial problems triggered by COVID crisis.

Vijayanagar police have registered a case in this regard.

NEWS BRIEFS

Review meeting

Lead Bank, Mysuru, will be holding a quarterly progress review meeting of all the Banks in Mysuru district at Zilla Panchayat (ZP) auditorium tomorrow (July 8) at 1 pm. MPs Pratap Simha, V. Sreenivasa Prasad and Sumalatha Ambarish will attend.

Ph.D awardee

S.K. Manjunatha has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the University of Mysore for his thesis 'Hosa Talemarina Kannada Kavyada Abhivyakti Vinyasagalu' [Guide: Dr. S. Narendrakumar].

COVID-19 HELPLINE

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WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	90.06 feet
Yesterday	:	90.52 feet
Inflow	:	1,433 cusecs
Outflow	:	4,542 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,275.93 feet
Inflow	:	1,047 cusecs
Outflow	:	1,575 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,842.65 feet
Inflow	:	363 cusecs
Outflow	:	80 cusecs

R.T. Nagar, Vasanthnagar water works to be speeded up

Two more pumps needed to pump Kabini water to Mysuru city: MP

Mysuru, July 7 (MTY,MK& BCT)- Link works to deliver drinking water to R.T. Nagar and Vasanthnagar Layouts must be completed within a week, directed District Minister S.T. Somashekar. The Minister on Monday inspected the linking works to R.T. Nagar from Kabini River and to Vasanthnagar from Melapura Water Project through German Press Reservoir.

He asked the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) officers to take up the works on war-footing and complete the same within a week. From the Melapura project, 16 MLD (Million Litres per Day) water is supplied to Mysuru city every day and from that, two to three MLD water has to be supplied to Vasanthnagar Layout. Similarly, Kabini water must also be supplied to R.T. Nagar, Somashekar said.

During his visit, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha highlighted that of the 290 MLD water that is supplied to Mysuru daily, the city actually requires only 190 MLD. The rest of the water goes through pilferage and there is no accountability. He asked the officers to plug leakage and pilferage.

"A special team has to be formed to identify where the water is leaking and also illegally tapped. Also, a physical survey has to be carried out to identify the wastage to bring in accountability,," Pratap Simha opined.

MLA L. Nagendra, Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. Bagadi Gautham, MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh, MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy and engineers were present.

Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar and Chamarajanagar District Minister Suresh Kumar chairing the Irrigation Consultative Committee (ICC) meeting of Kabini Dam on Monday. Also seen are MP Pratap Simha, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev and MLAs Anil Chikkamadu and N. Mahesh.

Water needs of growing city

At the Irrigation Consultative Committee (ICC) meeting of Kabini Dam, chaired by Minister Somashekar and Chamarajanagar District Minister Suresh Kumar on Monday, MP Pratap Simha said that two more pumps must be set up to supply water to Mysuru from Kabini Dam keeping in mind the growth of the city.

"Additional water will be required to Mysuru as the borders are expanding. Like Bengaluru was expanded to form Bruhat Bengaluru, Mysuru too has to be expanded to form Bruhat Mysuru and for this, more and more villages have to be included. As it is, many layouts have been formed on the outskirts but several of them are facing severe water shortage," Simha noted.

Two more pumps to draw water from Kabini have to be set up and this will be inevitable seeing the growth of Mysuru. Officials must plan ahead and initiate the works now, the MP said.

Water to be released to lakes

The ICC later resolved to release water immediately so that over 54 lakes coming under the command area of Kabini Dam can get water.

Making the announcement, Somashekar said that Kabini Dam's current water storage and details of water released in the previous years were studied before arriving at a decision.

"Suresh Kumar had spoken to me on the issue of water reaching the lakes located in the tail end of the canals. I have told officers to take up repairs of irrigation canals and also desilting them. MLAs have warned of staging protests if water doesn't reach the lakes in the tail end of the canals by July-end," he noted before asking the officers to release water immediately.

The Minister said that over one tmcft of water would be released in the next 15 days. The Dam's storage now stands at 14.5 tmcft and of it, 5 tmcft of water will be used for irrigation purposes, he said. The Minister said that the proposed botanical gardens at Kabini Dam on the lines of Brindavan Gardens would be taken up. Funds are being released to the irrigation works to the tune of Rs. 80 crore in Nanjangud taluk, he added.

MLAs B. Harshavardan, N. Mahesh, Anil Chikkamadu, Ashwin Kumar, Mysuru DC Dr. Bagadi Gautham, Chamarajanagar DC Dr. M.R. Ravi; Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Chief Engineer Shankaregowda and MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev were present during the meeting.

High Court orders formation of Ward Committees, Area Sabhas in MCC

Mysuru, July 7 (PM&DM)- The Karnataka High Court (HC) has ordered formation of Ward Committees and Area Sabhas in Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and has set a two-month deadline for the same.

Announcing this at a press meet here on Monday, Aam Admi Party (AAP) leader and city resident G.R. Vidyaranya said that he, along with other party leaders Malavika Gubbivani and C.S. Janardhan, had filed a PIL in the High Court in February this year seeking formation of Ward Committees in the MCC, after several representations to the Civic Body in this regard yielded no results.

A HC Bench, comprising Chief Justice A.S. Oka and Justice Suraj Govindaraj, which

completed hearing of arguments and counter-arguments concerning the PIL on June 23, directed the MCC on Saturday last to form Ward Committees and Area Sabhas. The Court also set a two-month deadline for the same, Vidyaranya said.

Urging the MCC to honour the Court verdict and facilitate formation of Ward Committees, he called upon the citizens to actively involve themselves in Ward development.

Maintaining that the formation of Ward Committees will help in curbing corruption and maintenance of transparency, he said that there should be at least 10 members in the Committee, with adequate representation for SC/ST communities and women.

He reiterated that the Ward Committee will play a significant role in proper utilisation of funds, giving no scope for misuse. The citizens can WhatsApp to 72599-36111 for more information or clarification, he added.

AAP leader Malavika Gubbivani and others were present at the press meet.

Obituary

H. Ramdas

Mysuru, July 7- H. Ramdas (91), noted Gamaki and a retired teacher from Ramasamudra in Chamarajanagar, passed away here last evening.

A resident of Mysuru, he leaves behind a son, four daughters, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this morning.

Mary D'Silva

Mary D'Silva (68), a resident of Brindavan Extension here, passed away yesterday.

She leaves behind her husband Hilton, son Michael, daughter Sharene, daughter-in-law Candida, son-in-law Wendell, granddaughter Keiana and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral Prayer will be conducted on July 8 at Gandhinagar cemetery, according to family sources.

Accidents can be prevented only if vehicles are fit: Minister Savadi

Transport Minister Laxman Savadi** (second from left) **seen taking a look at the process of vehicle inspection for road worthiness after inaugurating the new Automated Vehicle Inspection and Certification Centre at RTO (East) premises in Rajivnagar here yesterday as District Minister S.T. Somashekar, MLA Tanveer Sait and others look on.

Mysuru, July 7 (RK&KS)- "Accidents can be prevented only if the vehicles are well-maintained and fit to ply on roads," opined Transport Minister Laxman Savadi.

He was speaking after inaugurating the new Automated Vehicle Inspection and Certification Centre at RTO (East) premises in Rajivnagar 3rd Stage, Devanur Layout, opposite Narayana Hospital on the Outer Ring Road here yesterday afternoon.

Continuing, the Minister said that steering, brakes, headlights and other parts of the vehicles should be well-maintained, which would also help prevent accidents. "When a man falls sick, he is treated for that particular illness and in the same way, there is a need for goods and passenger vehicles to be checked and faults be rectified. Earlier, Brake Inspectors of the Transport Department used to inspect vehicles and then submit a report on the condition of vehicles. Now, using the latest technology, vehicles will be inspected for its road worthiness scientifically for which the new Automated Vehicle Inspection Centre has been established in Mysuru," said the Minister.

Pointing out that a computerised inspection centre has already been opened in Bengaluru and the second one has been inaugurated in Mysuru, Minister Savadi said that the third such inspection centre would be inaugurated at Dharwad soon and added that Automated Vehicle Inspection and Certification Centres would be established at every district headquarters in the coming days.

District Minister S.T. Somashekar, who was the chief guest, said that Laxman Savadi, during COVID pandemic, had successfully handled the problems in the Transport Department and had provided Oxygen Concentrators fitted KSRTC buses to Mysuru to help treat COVID-infected patients.

MLA Tanveer Sait, who presided over the event, said that vehicle owners were facing problems as the Government is planning to ban old vehicles. Instead of banning old two-stroke engine vehicles, provisions should be made to install four-stroke engines to the same vehicles, he added.

Tanveer Sait urged the Transport Minister to deploy two drivers for long route KSRTC buses and bring in reforms for taxes that are being paid once in three months. He also urged the Minister to hold discussions and decide on the shifting of Mysuru City Bus Stand.

Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Compost Development Corporation Chairman S. Mahadevaiah, Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) Chairman A. Hemanth Kumar Gowda, MyLAC Chairman N.V. Phaneesh, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. Bagadi Gautham, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, Superintendent of Police (SP) R. Chethan, Joint Transport Commissioner of Mysuru Division Dr. C.T. Murthy, Regional Transport Officer (East) L. Deepak and others were present during the occasion.

No plans to hike KSRTC bus fares, says Minister

Mysuru, July 7 (RK&DM)- Spiking rumours of an imminent hike in bus fares, Deputy Chief Minister Laxman Savadi, who is also the Transport Minister, said that KSRTC bus fares will be not be increased for now.

Speaking to press persons here yesterday, Savadi said that despite several requests from the four State-run Transport Corporations — KSRTC, BMTC, NWKRTC and NEKRTC — the Government has no plans to hike bus fares at the moment.

Pointing out that though the Transport Corporations are spending Rs. 3 crore a day on diesel, they are earning a revenue of just Rs. 2.10 crore post lockdown relaxations, Savadi said that the Transport Corporations have incurred a collective loss of Rs. 4,000 crore post the outbreak of the deadly COVID pandemic last year.

Noting that Rs. 324 crore is needed for payment of salaries to nearly 1.3 lakh employees every month, he said that Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa has so far given Rs. 2,484 crore towards employee salaries. Contending that several States have cut down salaries of employees by 40 percent citing losses, Savadi said, "However, we have not cut down salaries and the employees should understand this."

Stating that it is the middle class and lower middle class who use public transport the most, Savadi reiterated that the Government has no intention of burdening the public by hiking fares.

Ruling out pay hike for employees, he argued that most of the demands of employees have been met.

Bus services will be provided for SSLC students during exams

Mysuru, July 7 (MK&DM)- With the Government reasserting that the SSLC exams would be held as per schedule, Transport Minister Laxman Savadi said that the Transport Department was ready to provide convenient bus services for SSLC students appearing for the exam.

Speaking to press persons at the BJP office in Chamarajapuram here yesterday, Savadi said that he will hold talks with Primary and Secondary education Minister Suresh Kumar on providing bus services to SSLC students for reaching the exam centres from their place of stay. He further said that special focus would be on providing rural bus services during the exam.

Referring to the introduction of electric buses, the Minister said that it has been planned to operate electric buses in Bengaluru on an experimental basis, for which 300 buses would be purchased.

Noting that the Centre is offering subsidy for electric vehicles, he said that the Transport Corporations will soon start parcel and courier booking services for augmenting income.

My son was not in the car involved in the accident: Laxman Savadi

Mysuru, July 7 (RK&DM)- Following reports that the car of Deputy Chief Minister (Dy. CM) Laxman Savadi's son was involved in a road accident in which a motorcyclist was killed in Hungund taluk of Bagalkot district on Monday night, Laxman Savadi, who is also the Transport Minister, has clarified that his son Chidanand Savadi was not in the car at the time of the accident.

Speaking to press persons at the Government Guest House here yesterday, Laxman Savadi clarified that his son Chidanand was not in the car and he cannot understand how reports on the involvement of his son's car in the accident emerged.

Asserting that his son was not in the car that was involved in the accident that claimed the life of a 58-year-old farmer, the Dy.CM said that his son's name does not figure in the FIR filed by the Police as he was not travelling in the car.

Maintaining that his son Chidanand was with his friends in another car which was over 30-km ahead at the time of accident that took place near Koodalasangama Cross on NH-50 in Hungund taluk of Bagalkot district on Monday night, Savadi said that soon as Chidanand was informed of the accident, he rushed to the spot and helped in shifting the injured motorcyclist to Hospital. But the man unfortunately died in the Hospital, he said.

He further said that he would soon be visiting the house of the deceased accident victim and extend all help possible for his family members.

58-year-old man dies as Dy.CM's son's car hits his two-wheeler

Bagalkot, July 7 (UNI) - A 58-year-old man died when his two-wheeler was hit by a car allegedly belonging to the son for the Deputy Chief Minister Laxman Savadi, Police said on Tuesday.

As per the Police, the deceased, identified as Koodaleppa Boli, a farmer by profession, received severe injuries on his head as well as the body when his two-wheeler was hit by the car on Monday night near Koodalasangama Cross on NH-50 in Hunagunda taluk of the district.

He was rushed to a nearby hospital but succumbed to his injuries during the treatment.

Speaking to media persons here, Chidananda Savadi, son of the Dy.CM, said: "I agree that the car that hit the rider belongs to me but it was driven by my driver. I was with my friends in another car, which was over 30-km ahead. As soon as I was alerted to the incident, I rushed to the spot and helped the man to shift to hospital."

"I have neither threatened any person nor made an attempt to escape from the accident spot. On humanitarian grounds, I will also help the deceased family," he added.

The Dy.CM too claimed that his son was not driving the car. "My son only helped the injured person to get admitted to the hospital," Laxman Savadi said.

The Police have registered a case and initiated investigations.

Many join sparring over KRS Dam safety

MP Sumalatha to visit quarrying sites today to ascertain illegality

Mysuru, July 7 (MTY, VK, SSV & BCT)- The war of words between former Chief Minister and JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy that started with his distasteful remarks — that Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambarish should be made to sleep across the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam to prevent leakage — took a new turn last evening as Sumalatha decided to visit several illegal mining areas in Srirangapatna taluk and Pandavapura taluk today.

The controversy now has many stakeholders including JD(S) MLA from Srirangapatna, Ravindra Srikantaiah, who has fired the fresh salvo on Sumalatha accusing her of 'crossing limits' and also Congress Spokesperson M. Lakshmana who said that rampant mining and blasting activity around the Dam will surely damage the structure and there must be a ban on mining.

As part of her visit, Suma-latha today is scheduled to inspect mining areas near Chennannakere in Srirangapatna taluk at 2.30 pm and will proceed towards Hangarahalli at 3.30 pm and then to Baby Betta in Pandavapura taluk at 4.30 pm.

'No mining of gold here'

Mandya, July 7- JD(S) MLA from

Srirangapatna, **Ravindra Srikantaiah,** said yesterday, "Mining is not to extract gold or ore but only to crush stones. If it is illegal, let the MP regularise it. She has never raised her voice in favour of the Mekedatu project and had not uttered a word when there was oxygen shortage to Mandya. She is diverting the people's attention to cover up her mistakes."

On Sumalatha's statement that Kumaraswamy was an MLA and she was an MP having won from eight Assembly segments, Ravindra Srikantaiah said, "She might have forgotten the fact that it was former PM and JD(S) Supremo H.D. Deve Gowda, who brought her husband and actor M.H. Ambarish into politics."

"You have won only one election whereas Deve Gowda and Kumaraswamy have contested a number of elections and won. Sympathy wave helped you win Lok Sabha polls. Use your wisdom whenever you comment on Kumaraswamy," he said.

'Kumaraswamy taking electoral revenge'

At a press conference in Mysuru yesterday, Lakshmana said that the Institution of Engineers, Mysuru Centre, had submitted a report warning authorities of 'service failure affecting the capacity of the Dam' if quarrying continued around the Reservoir.

"Even the report submitted by Karnataka State Natural Disasters Monitoring Committee (KSNDMC) indicates imminent threat to the KRS Dam due to high-intensity quarry blasts and the resultant ground vibrations," he noted.

"Many expert themes have inspected the stone crushing units at a radial distance of 20 kilometres from the Dam to ascertain the mining impact on the 90-year-old Dam structure and all of the experts have opined that the Dam is endangered due to rampant mining. There is mounting pressure from the mining and quarrying industries to resume blasting operations," he alleged.

He defended Sumalatha by saying that there are 104 mining companies indulging in mining activity around the Dam.

Your nephew can teach culture: Sumalatha tells Kumaraswamy

"A 'Gowdathi' that I am, I am not afraid of threats"

Bengaluru, July 7 (SSV)- Launching a scathing attack at former CM H.D. Kumara-swamy, Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambarish has advised him to learn culture from his nephew and Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna.

Sumalatha *Prajwal*

"Prajwal is the only ray of hope for protecting JD(S), a party built by former PM H.D. Deve Gowda. I will advise Kumaraswamy to learn from Prajwal Revanna who speaks politely and softly. He will convey everything through his politeness. He is young but still there is value and weightage for his words. I have observed him respecting others in the Lok Sabha," she told reporters yesterday. .

"Kumaraswamy is elder to Prajwal but still he must learn from the latter how to talk in public. Age does not come in the way of correcting mistakes. They must take things sportively if advice is given by a young person. Prajwal can definitely create confidence among party workers. He thinks before he talks which is important in politics," she noted.

Not stopping at this, Sumalatha further said, "Kumaraswamy is an expert in using unparliamentary words and defending the same the next day. A 'Gowdathi' that I am, I am not afraid of any such threats. I am waiting for him to release the audio-video bomb, as claimed by him."

No cracks in KRS: CNNL

Meanwhile, Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited (CNNL) that manages the KRS Dam has informed the Government that there are no cracks in KRS Dam and the structure is safe.

"CNNL Chief Engineer Shankaregowda has written to the Government on July 1 about the safety of the Dam. Even Mandya MP Sumalatha has also been informed about the absence of cracks in the Dam and its safety," said CNNL Superintending Engineer Vijaykumar.

JD(S) MLC urges Centre to clear Mekedatu project

To end century-old rift between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu

T. Narasipur, July 7 (SK&SSV)-

Srikantegowda

JD(S) MLC K.T. Srikantegowda has urged the Union Government to give its nod for the Mekedatu drinking water project in order to bury the hatchet between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu that existed for many decades.

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of a function here yesterday, he wanted the BJP-led NDA Government to clear the Mekedatu project, a lifeline of farmers of 11 districts of Karnataka. This alone will protect the interests of farmers of this region. The need for taking up the Mekedatu project must be explained to Tamil Nadu by the Union Government, he said.

Injustice to Kannadigas

The MLC said, though Cauvery takes birth in Karnataka, it was used largely by Tamil Nadu. The share of Karnataka out of the total water availability was 55 percent, followed by Tamil Nadu with 33 percent and Kerala 18 percent. But Tamil Nadu was getting 58 percent of water and only 33 percent was meant for Karnataka. The only panacea for this has been taking up the Mekedatu project. The Union Government must okay this project and the State Government must start the work without delay. This will end the standoff between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. The MPs from Karnataka must strive to find solutions but not create animosity among people, he stated.

KRS Dam is safe

MLC K.T. Srikantegowda claimed that the KRS Dam was safe. There was no truth whatsoever in the statement of Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambarish that the Dam has developed cracks.

Need of the hour was to take up the Mekedatu project under which a balancing reservoir will be constructed to impound 45 tmc ft of water for drinking and power generation and then release 35 tmc ft of water to the neighbouring Tamil Nadu. The project was being taken up as per suggestions from the Supreme Court.

The Centre has maintained a stoic silence on three river linking projects taken up by the Tamil Nadu Government at a cost of Rs.11,960 crore, he said.

'Karnataka will complete Mekedatu project'

Bengaluru, July 7 (UNI)- Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa (BSY) on Tuesday said that the State Government would go ahead with the Mekedatu drinking water project and there was no question of stopping it.

Speaking to media here, he said, "We will implement the Mekedatu project within the legal framework and complete it. We are in a comfortable situation. There is no question of stopping it"

His remarks came a day after Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin opposed the project on the grounds that it would hurt farmers in his State.

Yediyurappa said that he had written to Stalin to allow the project as it would benefit people from both the States. "They have not responded positively. Yet, we will implement the project," he said.

In his response to Yediyurappa on Monday, Stalin had asked the Karnataka Government to not pursue the project.

While Karnataka Government has maintained that the drinking water project would go ahead, TN is piling pressure on the Centre to stop the project, maintaining that it would impair the flow of Cauvery water.

Mekedatu project is a multipurpose project, which involves building a balancing reservoir, near Kanakapura in Ramanagara. Once completed, it is aimed at ensuring drinking water to Bengaluru and neighbouring areas (4.75 TMC) and also can generate 400 MW power, and the estimated cost of the project is Rs. 9,000 crore.

Siddu launches 'Sahayahastha' to help COVID affected families

Mysuru, July 7 (MTY&DM)- Launching a scathing attack on the BJP Government for failing to come to the aid of depressed sections of society during the COVID crisis, Opposition leader and former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah alleged that the B.S. Yediyurappa Government was so much mired in corruption that it cannot find time to work for the welfare of the people.

He was speaking after launching Congress party's month-long 'Sahayahastha' aimed at helping COVID affected families, at a programme organised at Congress Bhavan near the city Railway Station this morning.

Pointing out that 'Sahayahastha' (July 1 to 31) has been launched Statewide following directions from the KPCC, Siddharamaiah recalled that the Congress had earlier launched 'Arogyahastha' when COVID pandemic broke out last year.

Highlighting the objectives of the programme, Siddharamaiah said that six top Congress leaders including former Ministers M.S. Atmananda and Ramanath Rai and Manjula Naidu have been put in charge for overseeing the programme implementation in the district.

Noting that after the outbreak and second wave of attack of the deadly pandemic, experts have warned of subsequent waves, affecting children and middle age groups the most, Siddharamaiah questioned the Government on its plans for preventing the predicted third wave which may come in a couple of months.

Arguing that strict following of COVID appropriate behaviour (CAB) at all places and at all times is the best way of warding off the pandemic, he urged the Government to take immediate measures for ensuring that people, both in urban and rural areas, follow Government SOPs.

Accusing the Government of hiding COVID deaths, he said according to reliable information, nearly 3.5 lakh people in the State have died of the virus in the second wave, while official Government figures say that 35,000 people have lost their lives.

He also questioned the Union Government's vaccination policy saying that a big majority of the 68 crore population in the age group of 18 to 44 years are still waiting to get jabs even weeks after the launch of nationwide vaccination drive.

KPCC Working President R. Dhruvanarayan too spoke.

Cycle jatha

Siddharamaiah also launched a cycle jatha on the occasion, in protest against rising fuel prices. Accusing the Modi Government of hiking fuel prices almost every other day, he warned that the people would revolt if prices are not brought under control.

The jatha, which was launched from Congress Bhavan, passed through Railway Station Circle, K.R. Hospital Circle and other prominent streets before culminating at Gandhi Square.

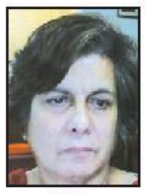
No chairs on stage

It was interesting to note that no chairs were placed on the dais of the programme. Following directions from the Congress High Command in respect of maintaining SOPs, the leaders attending the programme were appealed to sit on chairs among the audience by following physical distancing and other COVID norms. But as a large crowd of Congress workers gathered at the programme in violation of CAB, an irked Siddharamaiah asked them to stand by maintaining physical distancing and properly wearing face mask. He also patted some of them on the back to follow guidelines for their own safety, health and well-being.

Several leaders from other parties including Alanahalli Puttaswamy, M. Pradeep Kumar and Suresh Babu joined the Congress on the occasion.

Former Ministers Ramanath Rai and M.S. Atmananda, leaders Manjula Naidu, Aishwarya Mahadev, D. Ravishankar, K. Harish Gowda, KPCC Women's Wing President Dr. Pushpa Amarnath, MLA H.P. Manjunath, former MLAs Vasu, M.K. Somashekar and Kalale Keshavamurthy and a host of other leaders were present.

Former Union Minister's wife murdered at Delhi home



Kitty

New Delhi, July 7 (Agencies)- Former Union Minister P.R. Kumaramangalam's wife was murdered last night at her Delhi home. Kitty Kumaramangalam, 67, was found dead at her house in South Delhi's Vasant Vihar. She was suffocated to death with a pillow, as per the initial probe. On Tuesday, at around 9 pm, Kumaramangalam was alone at her home with her house help when a washerman (dhobi), who worked for her, barged into the house - along with two other men - with an intent of robbery, Police said.

He held the domestic help hostage in a room, then attacked Kitty Kumaramangalam and murdered her, officials added. Police were informed at around 11 pm. While the main accused Raju has been arrested, two others, who helped him, are still missing.

Kitty had served as a Supreme Court lawyer. "The incident happened at around 9 pm when the house help opened the door for the family's washerman. When the help opened the door, he overpowered her, dragged her to another room and tied her. In the meantime, two other boys entered and overpowered Kitty Kumaramangalam. They suffocated her to death using a pillow," Ingit Pratap Singh, Deputy Commissioner Police (DCP), Southwest Delhi said.

Sadananda Gowda resigns

New Delhi, July 7 (Agencies)- Union Minister D.V. Sadananda Gowda has resigned to his post in the wake of major Cabinet reshuffle being done by Prime Minister Narendra Modi today.

Ahead of the Cabinet expansion, Gowda has been dropped from the Cabinet, according to sources. He represents Bengaluru North Lok Sabha constituency. Along with him, three other Union Ministers have also been dropped from the Cabinet.

Markets re-open

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Since they will come into contact with people regularly, traders had to be tested as a precautionary measure. Results of testing will be sent to the registered mobile phones of traders by tomorrow evening.

Refusing to comment on the prevailing Case Positivity Rate (CPR), Dr. Nagaraj said it will be answered by the Deputy Commissioner. However, the situation in Mysuru city was slowly improving but the people must follow the safety guidelines to save their lives. "We are also asking traders to take vaccination," he added.

Not much people walked into Vanil Vilasa Market near Agrahara Circle. Of the total 154 shops, only 8 shops are situated inside the market selling coconut and vegetables. Others were located outside the market. Vani Vilasa Market Traders Association Secretary Shivakumar said it may take some more time for the people to start visiting the shops. The situation was similar in Mandi Market where all the shops were cleaned yesterday anticipating people's visit. But the shop-keepers were disappointed due to lukewarm response of the Mysureans. Residents of the surroundings are daily wagers and they will come to market only if they have money.

"We are keeping our fingers crossed for the arrival of customers to our market," said Premkumar, President, Mandi Market Traders Association.

50 percent population in 18 to 44 years category vaccinated in city

Mysuru, July 7 (RK&SSV)- Vaccination has been going on in full steam in 22 Government Vaccination Centres across the city. As usual, people are flocking these centres to take the jab.

The vaccination has resumed at Charaka Ayurveda Post-Graduation Centre since yesterday. The inoculation had been temporarily suspended at this Centre due to non-availability of vaccine. First priority was given for those taking second dose, followed by people above 45 years of age taking first or second dose and the next to priority groups in the category of 18 to 44 years.

Most of the persons in the age group of 18 to 44 years have already taken the first dose in Private Hospitals. The Health Department has a stock of around 25,000 doses which will exhaust by this evening.

Daily supply

The vaccine was supplied on daily basis to Mysuru district from the State Vaccination Depot. A vehicle goes from here daily to collect the vaccine for three districts, Mysuru, Kodagu and Chamarajanagar. Once the vaccine carrying vehicle arrives around midnight, the vehicles from Kodagu and Chamarajanagar which will be waiting in Mysuru, will carry the vaccine to their respective districts.

"We will get how much ever vaccine we use daily. If we exhaust 20,000 doses, the same amount is supplied the next day. The vaccine supply is likely to get streamlined from next month," a health officer said.

50 percent coverage

An Officer in Health Department told *SOM* that already 50 percent of population in the age group of 18 to 44 years has taken the first dose of vaccine, thanks to efforts by both Government and Private Hospitals. As many as 1.5 lakh people have taken the jab in Private Hospitals. However, the coverage of this group in rural areas was around 10-15 per cent.

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In this week's Pet Talk, Maneka talks about chicken language and pet shop/ breeder laws

Pet Talk

Maneka Gandhi

Do chickens make a good family pets?

They make absolutely wonderful pets (if you hand raise them and handle them gently). They are pretty low maintenance and are very intelligent. Curious, brave, timid, loud, bossy, friendly or standoff-ish, chickens have just as much personality as humans. From the way they walk, run, take dust baths, lay out, cackle and chase bugs. They are a constant source of laughter. They don't defecate in the house or give you half eaten prey. If they kill an insect, they are going to eat it themselves but at least that is less feed you have to give them.

How do you know when a chicken is unhappy?

When chickens are feeling awful, in pain or sick, they are perfectly silent and motionless. A very sick and depressed chicken will sit for hours facing a corner of the coop or run. A chicken in pain will stand in one spot for hours with their tail pointing to the ground.

Can you potty train chickens?

Difficult but it has been done. You can keep chickens indoors, however.

Is there any chicken language?

They are very vocal and conversational. And if you pay attention, you can learn to understand and speak their language too.

For example:

Pleasure peep: A soft, irregular chirp that says "I'm here and all is well."

Cluck: Short, low-pitched and repetitive sounds that says "Stay close."

Crowing: No explanation needed. It says "I'm the boss here."

Alarm cackle: An insistent repetitive cackle Kuh-kuh-kuh-kuh-KACK! It says, "I sense danger!"

Other sounds that chickens produce include the "cackle" hens make after they have laid an egg. A broody or dominant hen can issue warning to others to stay away. All chickens will squawk when they are disturbed or hurt: for instance, hens in battery farms sometimes moan all day in misery and from excessive stress.

Do chickens have teeth?

Chickens do have teeth (a tooth), but they are only temporary. When a chick hatches, they possess what is known as an egg tooth. It's a single triangular piece of bone attached to the end of the beak, which provides assistance with pipping out of the egg, since their beaks are relatively soft in the first week or so. The egg falls off within two or three days, since it is no longer useful. Most reptiles and all birds have these egg tooth.

I am a vegan but I have pet hens that lay eggs. What should I do with them?

Offer them to friends and family. That way they're not eating eggs from battery hens, but eggs from hens kept lovingly as pets. Better than wasting them. No male, no chicks. Or even better. Cook them and give them to the street animals in your area.

Which is the best source of protein in a vegan diet?

Lentils, beans, soyabean are the best protein options in a vegan diet. The human body needs very little protein — about 8-10 gms a day. You can get that in any vegetarian food: even potatoes.

Why is vegan diet considered healthy compared to non-vegetarian diet?

Several studies have reported that the vegan diet contains more fibre, antioxidants, potassium, magnesium and vitamins A, C and E. Vegan diet is full of essential nutrients. Non-vegetarian diet has an excess of fats, cholesterol and is full of diseases because of the way the animals are reared and killed. It is very easy to be vegan in a country which has 500 species of vegetables.

Why do pigeons bob their heads?

Pigeons aren't actually bobbing their heads. Instead, they're pushing them forward.

When researchers in a study reviewed slow-motion footage, they found that there were actually two main parts to a pigeon's head movement, which the scientists called a "thrust" and a "hold" phase.

In the 'thrust' phase, the head is pushed forward, relative to the body by about 5 centimeters. This is followed by a 'hold' phase, during which the head is kept still in space, which means that it moves backwards relative to the forward-moving body. What we see as a "bob" is the head sliding smoothly forward and then waiting for the body to catch up. We perceive it as a bob because the motion unfolds so rapidly.

Head-thrusting helps pigeons to stabilise their view of the moving world around them. Keeping the head still in space during the 'hold' phases means that the image will not be blurred by motion.

In other words, a stationary head gives the bird a moment to visually process its surroundings while it waits for its moving body to catch up; it's like hitting pause on the motion for a fraction of a second. This tactic is useful because it enables them to see potential food — and possibly, enemies.

If pigeons' heads moved at the same pace as their bodies, they would have trouble keeping a stable image of the world on their retina.

Why can't we see baby pigeons? Where do all the baby pigeons go?

Most baby songbirds are in the nest until they are fully feathered and as big as the adults.

However, to be fair, there are a few reasons for such infrequent sightings of baby rock pigeons in particular: Their nests tend to be out of view, on rooftops and other skyscraping venues such as bridges and the sides of high-rises; pigeons spend a longer time as nestlings than other birds; and pigeon babies grow up, at least appearance-wise, faster than other birds.

Whereas most songbirds spend two to three weeks in the nest, pigeons hang out for at least three weeks and up to six weeks in the comfort of the nest. By that time, the juvenile pigeons look more like adults than other birds when they leave the nest.

If you keep an eye out though, you may be able to spot these young ones: Look for feathers that aren't completely molten, dark eyes (adults have red-orange eyes) and tapered primary feathers (the longest feathers on the bird's wing).

Our Municipality head says that pigeons are responsible for spreading diseases like tuberculosis and cancer. Is this true?

It is complete nonsense. There have been thousands of studies done on this because, for some unknown reason, when Municipalities don't want to solve real issues, they invent issues to frighten people. The sight of people feeding pigeons irritates bureaucrats and they are always making false and illiterate accusations. In no study anywhere in the world have pigeons been found to spread any disease at all. I have taken plastic hanging flowerpots which nurseries sell and hung them from my verandah ceilings. They are lined with newspaper. The pigeons have made homes in them and I love the sound of their cooing which is so relaxing.

How can illegal breeding of animals be put to a halt?

Refuse to entertain breeders who breed animals unethically. Report them on any social media site that you come across and let any animal welfare NGO know immediately about their activities. Click pictures for evidence and call the Police, file a case against the perpetrator; You can also approach the Court to file a case, if nothing else works out; The first step, however, is to be aware about illegal breeding and legal breeding.

What are some pet shop/ breeder laws that the common public must know?

It is be mandatory for all pet shop owners to register themselves with the State Animal Welfare Board of the respective State Governments/ Union Territories.

Such shops are registered only after inspection by the representatives of State Board, a veterinary practitioner and a representative of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The rules define space requirements for birds, cats, dogs, rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, rats and mice in the pet shops. It defines the basic amenities, power back-up, general care, veterinary care and other operational requirement for animals kept in pet shops.

The rules make it mandatory to maintain proper records of sale, purchase, death of animals in pet shops.

Every pet shop owner is required to submit a yearly report to the State Board regarding animals, sold, traded, bartered, brokered, given away, boarded or exhibited during previous year, or any other information asked for by the State Board.

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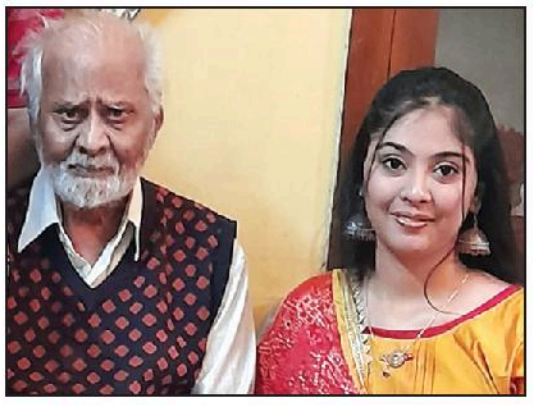
Reviving Forgotten Memories

A grand-daughter connects with her nonagenarian grandfather Mohammed Nizamuddin, a trend-setter of football in Mysore State

Indians have seen many names coming forth. It could be in the field of science, technology, freedom struggle, sports etc. — few known, few unknown and a few remained in oblivion.

One such sportsman was a young boy from Kolar, my grandfather Mohammed Nizamuddin, who was a terrific football player and was the trend-setter of football in Karnataka, then called the Mysore State. He played and won many matches. Now as a nonagenarian, he is leading a simple life as a retired Tahsildar, enjoying his success in life with utmost gratitude faraway from fandom.



Areebah with her grandpa Mohammed Nizamuddin.

By Areebah Tasdeeq

Journey of football dream

It was a normal day. Out of boredom (lockdown effect) I just thought of talking to my grandfather about his football days. But looking at the sparkle in his eyes and hearing his excited voice, my time-pass conversation became one of the most enlightened high voltage story-telling session. He began with his life as a kid who played football as a mere game, but it was in his teens that football became his passion. He started playing for his University first and then for his State.

Born on June 20, 1929, his football career as such started with **Mysore University,** where he was the captain of his football team and he, along with his team, won many trophies. His University Professors and those who used to see his matches started encouraging him. He was also much appreciated among his team members and slowly his popularity began to grow.

Looking at his skills, a well-known team of Karnataka at that time **"The Bangalore Blues"** approached him and he became a part of that team. As the saying goes "It takes a right moment to strike", that moment in my grandfather's life came as an opportunity to play the Santosh Trophy for his State (then Mysore State).

1952 - SANTOSH TROPHY

Santosh Trophy is a State-level Football Tournament where many States participate. My grandfather played for the Mysore State. Mysore State in 1956 had won this trophy after a wait of 6 long years. The State was playing well and had entered the semi-finals. It was an interesting nail-biting match. The match was against Orissa (now, Odisha) and Mysore State (now, Karnataka) won by two goals — both scored by my grandfather (Lo, a new star was born in Mohammed Nizamuddin).

Then came the finals. As usual there was a lot of expectancy from the star goal scorer. The match was against Bengal (a very strong team of that time). Mysore won by a goal (again a right goal at right time) and guess what? That one winning goal was scored by none other than Mohammed Nizamuddin.

After six years, Mysore had finally won the Santosh Trophy and so the celebration went on for days. He became a sensation among the youths, who copied his walking style and waited for hours just to shake their hands with him. Such was his euphoria. He also played for the **Netaji Club in Mysore.**

Later he was invited by **Mohammedan Sporting Club (Kolkata)** to play for their Club. For nearly 8 years he was with the Mohammedan Sporting Club playing several tournaments like Rover's Cup, National Championships and scoring many winning goals.

In 1956, Mohammedan Sporting Club made a major come back in the Rover's Cup. They won the trophy after a gap of 12 years and Mohammed Nizamuddin was responsible for the major goals scored, which led to the lifting of the Rover's Cup in 1956 and 1959 matches.

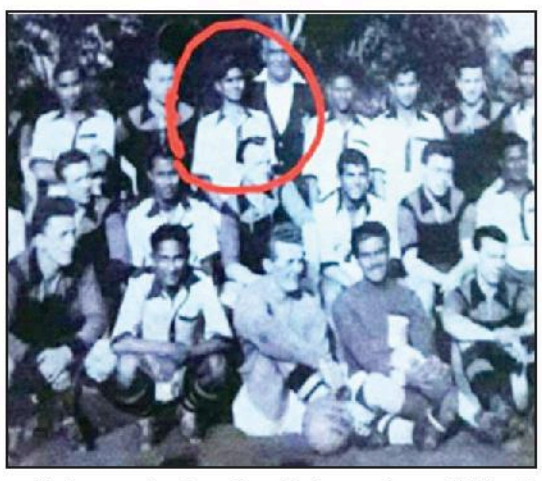
Throughout his career span of 15-20 years in the national football, he had come across many people from different backgrounds like general public, celebrities etc. and not to forget the numerous countries he has visited. All of these have had a great influence on him (he keeps telling me and my sister about the different places he visited, their culture etc.). For great achievements it requires great support too. One such strong pillar of support to my grandfather was his father Abdul Razaq. Along with his father, there were many people like his University College Principal, his Professors, his coaches etc., who encouraged and supported him to the fullest. They played a key role in his success too and he is forever grateful to them.

In the 1960s, he gracefully retired from his football career. A very simple man with simple but strong principles, he never took his celebrity status to his head. He did not crave for limelight instead he opted for a simple life as a Government servant (Tahsildar) and discharged his duties with utmost sincerity.

Even today, when he looks back at his life, he says with pride in his eyes that he was neither dependent nor a burden to anybody in the family and that God blessed him with the best.

A BA graduate from University of Mysore, Mohammed Nizamuddin served as Tahsildar in many places including Gundlupet, Yadgir, Sullia and Malavalli. After his retirement, he served as Estate Officer of WAKF Board in Srirangapatna. His wife passed away 9 years ago. He has 4 children (1 son and 3 daughters). He stays in Bannimantap A Layout in Mysuru with his son, daughter-in-law and two grand-daughters.

Mohammed Nizamuddin** (standing second from left) **and his team seen with the Secretary of All India Football Federation.



Mohammedan Sporting Club members with the Austrian team at All India Football Federation in 1953. The encircled person is Mohammed Nizamuddin.

WORD OF THE DAY

Quondam

Pronunciation: KWAHN-dum.
Meaning: That once was; former, sometime.
Origin: Looking for an unusual and creative way to say "former"? Quondam (which came to English in the 16th century from Latin quondam, meaning "at one time" or "formerly") certainly fits the bill. Or maybe you'd prefer one of its synonyms: whilom, ci-devant, or preterit. Or you could really go crazy with umquhile, a word that is extremely rare even in its more natural Scots English setting. Quondam itself isn't exactly ubiquitous, but it's used more than any of the other words above. If you're looking for something a bit more pedestrian, you might try yet another synonym: erstwhile. Despite its wonderfully archaic flavor, erstwhile is a highly favoured alternative.
Example: Many people were surprised to learn that the quondam poet and professor had since become an accountant.

THE ODD WORD

Qanat

Underground tunnel for carrying irrigation water.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Desperate times call for desperate measures

Meaning: When you say 'Desperate Times Call for Desperate Measures' you mean that actions that might seem extreme under normal circumstances are appropriate during adversity.
Origin: The expression 'desperate times call for desperate measures' is believed to have originated with a saying coined by the ancient Greek physician, Hippocrates. In his work Amorphisms, he wrote: "For extreme diseases, extreme methods of cure, as to restriction, are most suitable."
Example: "I really don't want to break up with Tim, but desperate times call for desperate measures."

QUOTE BOX

If you really look closely, most overnight successes took a long time.

—Steve Jobs

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

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Tnorf

Answer :Back to front.

SUDOKU

5		3			7			
		4			2			
				1			6	5
2						6	1	
1	4						8	3
	3	8						2
6	5			3				
			4			5		
			7			9		1

Answer to previous puzzle

7	5	9	6	4	3	8	2	1
6	2	3	5	8	1	4	7	9
4	1	8	2	9	7	3	6	5
8	4	6	1	5	2	7	9	3
2	9	5	3	7	8	1	4	6
1	3	7	9	6	4	2	5	8
9	8	2	4	3	5	6	1	7
5	7	4	8	1	6	9	3	2
3	6	1	7	2	9	5	8	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

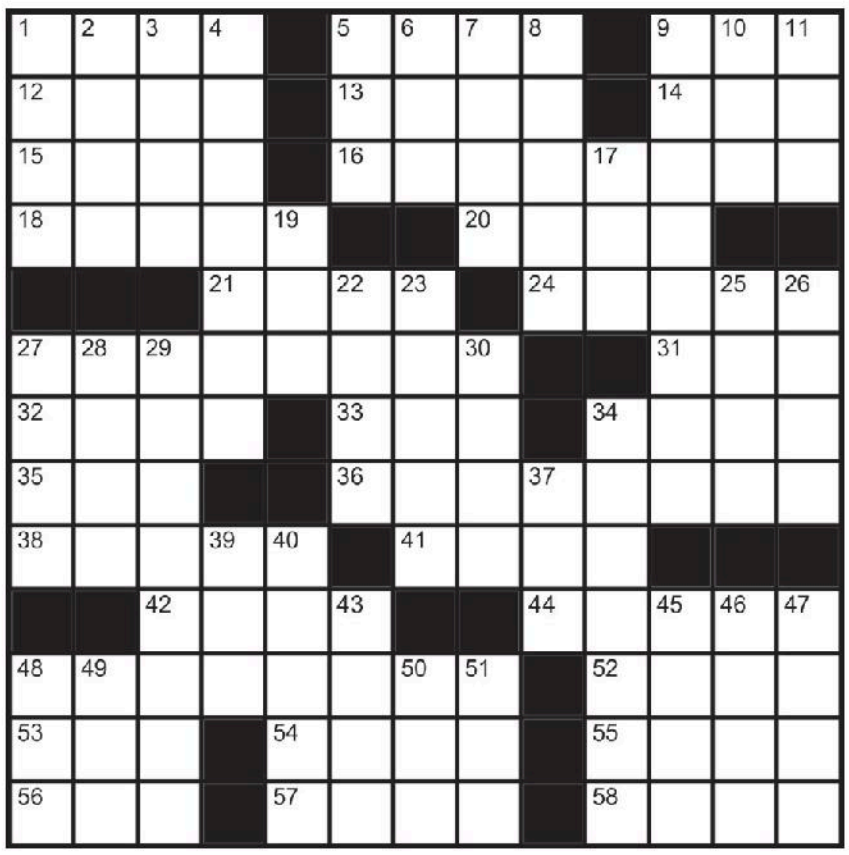
CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Carte du jour
5 Asian language
9 Aliens?
12 "For unto us _ _ is given" (1,3)
13 Ruler of Olympus
14 Baby barker
15 ___ Bellow : "Humbolt's Gift" author?
16 Unsusceptibility
18 Fungal disease
20 Two-masted vessel
21 Current types (2-2)
24 Belgian battle
27 Mosaic pieces?
31 GI address
32 Engrave
33 And for the German
34 Copied
35 Bud's movie partner
36 Exiles, dismisses or expels
38 Door sign
41 North European
42 Horse's gait
44 Transmits
48 European country - "Big Laura" anagram
52 Series of spirals
53 Fidel's friend Guevara
54 Calm, not hot-headed
55 ___ apart : shredded to pieces, in a way?
56 Auto Flight Sys.
57 A small stain
58 Distort or falsify

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

I	V	A	N	■	G	B	S	■	E	A	S	E
R	E	D	O	■	R	U	T	■	X	B	O	X
A	T	T	I	T	U	D	E	■	T	I	R	E
■	■	■	S	U	B	■	R	H	O	D	E	S
P	R	E	E	N	■	E	L	U	L	■	■	■
R	A	T	S	■	M	A	I	N	S	T	A	Y
O	N	O	■	H	O	R	N	S	■	S	A	O
A	N	N	O	Y	I	N	G	■	E	A	R	L
■	■	■	A	M	S	S	■	D	E	R	E	K
L	E	A	R	N	T	■	H	E	R	■	■	■
O	M	N	I	■	E	L	D	R	I	T	C	H
L	I	N	N	■	N	A	M	■	L	O	S	S
A	L	E	G	■	S	R	I	■	Y	E	T	I

DOWN
1 Long pole of an old-fashioned ship
2 Morales of movies
3 A part of speech
4 Let loose
5 Israeli weapon
6 Radiation unit
7 Speechless
8 Moneylending
9 Inscription or quotation on a statute
10 Chiding sound
11 Secret agent ?
17 Pinch or bite
19 Expert or adept
22 Beat hollow
23 A man-made waterway
25 A French duelling weapon
26 Pieces of turf
27 Far as a prefix
28 Harrow rival
29 Scurries, sinks a boat
30 Girl's name
34 Viewpoints or appearances
37 Internet addresses
39 A little work
40 Wanders about aimlessly
43 Short journey
45 Secluded place
46 Dreadful, terrible
47 Did in?
48 Boeing Commercial Airplanes
49 Ultra High Frequency
50 Labour assn.
51 Air Data Tester, abbr.



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

DKH WIND XHZEFAFIGN QLT IE KLZWFRP L SLGNH SIRNFNDN IE

AHEHRAFRP FD AHVFJHZLDHVT QFDK ELGVDT LZPGWHRDN.

TODAY'S CLUE: P EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I was gratified to be able to answer promptly.
I said I don't know - Mark Twain

Ranganthittu Re-opens

First day collection Rs. 26,000

▶ 2020: Sanctuary closed for 86 days ▶ 2021: Visitors banned for 68 days

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, July 7- Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary, the largest bird sanctuary in Karnataka, on the banks of River Cauvery in Mandya, has re-opened after lockdown to enthral visitors again. The Sanctuary opened yesterday after a gap of 68 days and it had been closed since April 28.

The Forest Department, the custodian of the Bird Sanctuary, declared the bird paradise open and has taken all precautionary measures to keep the winged beauties and also visitors safe.

On the first day yesterday, the Sanctuary had 184 tourists including 32 children, reporting a gate collection of Rs. 26,000. For the first day, it is a pretty good show, said Department officers.

Last year when the first wave struck, the Sanctuary was closed for 86 days, the longest closure period recorded in the history of the place. It was shut on Mar. 14, 10 days before the nationwide lockdown due to the threat of Bird Flu as some birds had died inside Mysuru city and the Forest Department had taken a decision to close the tourist spot as a precautionary measure. Finally, it opened on June 7.

Forest staff greeting the students who visited Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary on the first day of re-opening yesterday.

Closed for two consecutive years

The Sanctuary is a combination of several mini-islets in the Cauvery near Srirangapatna which had not been closed for this long for two consecutive years since it got the status of Bird Sanctuary in 1940.

This year, though the unlock was announced by the State Government on June 6, the Mandya District Administration preferred to wait for a day to issue the opening order.

"We have taken all precautionary measures to prevent a possible spread of COVID-19 at the Bird Sanctuary. Every visitor will be asked to strictly wear a mask and maintain social distance while entering the Sanctuary. Disinfectants will be provided to all visitors and we have taken measures to prevent crowding," said Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF-Territorial) Dr. K.C. Prashanth Kumar.

While entry fee for an adult (Indian) is Rs. 70, children are charged Rs. 35 each. Adults have to pay Rs. 100 per head for a boat ride, children are charged Rs. 50 each. Foreigners are charged Rs. 500 each for entry and Rs. 500 each for boating (children Rs. 250).

There are 21 boats at Ranganathittu and the boats are taken for a ride only after the passengers are made to wear life-jackets. All are rowing boats and as the birds are sensitive, mechanised boats are not used.

Best-in-class in India

The Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary is one of the most popular tourist spots in the State and is rated as among the best in the country. The Sanctuary, spread over 67 hectares with 25 islands, attracts thousands of migratory birds (more than 200 species), including the rarest of the rare birds every year. The Sanctuary has a sizable population of 12,000 spot-billed pelicans.

Of the islands, some of the familiar ones are Openbill Island, Large Cormorant Island, Kaadu Hunasemara Island, Raintree Island, Large Egret and Little Egret Island, Stone Bill Island, Stone Flower Island, Neeranji Island, Hatthi Mara Island, Crocodile Island, Puttayyanakoppalu Island, Purple Heron Island, the island that is located at the middle of the river and the Bamboo Island.

Currently, Ranganathittu has over 9,500 birds. A majority of open-billed storks, spoonbills, spot-billed pelicans and painted storks have left the Sanctuary with hatchlings.

There are more than 200 crocodiles that bask on the rocks after remaining inside water for most of the time.

Places of worship, tourist destinations thrown open in Chamarajanagar

As the lockdown had put a halt for speeding vehicles in the Bandipur Tiger Reserve, Deers seem to be fearlessly crossing the roads in the forest. Picture right shows a Grey Langur posing for the photographer. *[Pics by Kiran Begur]*

Chamarajanagar, July 7 (SS&SSV)- Consequent to lifting of lockdown, all places of worships and tourist destinations were opened for the general public in district on Monday. They had remained closed since April 22, this year when the district witnessed the outbreak of Coronavirus. However, the number of positive cases has decreased in the district enabling resumption of business.

Temple of Madappa atop Sri Male Mahadeshwaraswamy Hill in Hanur taluk, Himavad Gopalaswamy Temple in Gundlupet taluk, Sri Biligiri Ranganathaswamy Temple in Yelandur taluk, Sri Chamarajeshwaraswamy Temple in Chamarajanagar city and other temples allowed devotees to offer prayer. The tourist spots like Hogenakkal Falls, Barachukki Falls and Bandipur Tiger Reserve were also opened for the general public.

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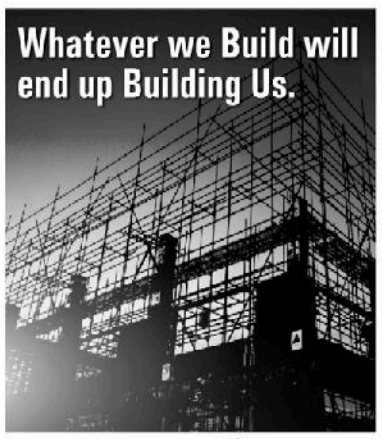

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